

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Stamler  
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/538,404 EXAMINER: Sandra E. Saucier  
FILING DATE: June 21, 2006 ART UNIT: 1651  
FOR: MEASURING NITRIC OXIDE IN BLOOD GASES AND TREATMENTS BASED  
THEREON

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED DECEMBER 9, 2008**

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 9, 2008, Applicants elect the invention of Group 3, claim 3, directed towards a method of blood product transfusion comprising co-infusing a blood substitute or red blood cells and inorganic nitrite. This election is made without traverse.

With a five-month extension, this paper is due on or before June 9, 2009. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Five-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24862-516N01US.

Respectfully submitted,

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